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H.C.R. No. 25

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, it was the stated intention of the framers of the
2 Constitution of the United States of America that Congress should
3 be "dependent on the people alone." (James Madison, Federalist 52);
4 and,

5 WHEREAS, that dependency has evolved from a dependency "on
6 the people alone" to a dependency on those who spend in elections,
7 through campaigns or third-party groups; and,

8 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court rulings in *Citizens*
9 *United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) and
10 *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1 (1976) removed restrictions on amounts
11 and transparency in political spending; and,

12 WHEREAS, the removal of those restrictions has resulted in
13 the spending in elections becoming disproportionately dominated by
14 corporations, unions, interest groups, and wealthy individuals;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, it was the stated intention of the framers of our
17 Constitution that citizens should exercise their right to propose
18 amendments to the Constitution as described in Article V of the
19 Constitution; and,

20 WHEREAS Article V of the United States Constitution requires
21 the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention upon
22 application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states
23 for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States
24 Constitution; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, that the legislature of the State of Texas hereby
2 applies to the United States Congress to call a Constitutional
3 Convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution
4 for the purpose of proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the
5 United States of America to address concerns raised by the decision
6 of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal
7 Election Commission (2010) 130 S.Ct. 876 or substantially similar
8 purpose; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, that this constitutes a continuing application to
10 call a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the
11 United States Constitution until at least two thirds of the
12 legislatures of the several states apply to the United States
13 Congress to call a constitutional convention for the sole purpose
14 of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution to
15 address concerns raised by the decision of the United States
16 Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission
17 (2010) 130 S.Ct. 876 or substantially similar purpose; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, that the Delegation shall not vote to propose any
20 Amendment which does not have as its principal goal to address
21 concerns raised by the decision of the United States Supreme Court
22 in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 130 S.Ct.
23 876 or substantially similar purpose; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Texas House of
25 Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the President
26 and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United
27 States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United

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1 States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United
2 States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and
3 to each Senator and Representative from Texas in the Congress of the
4 United States.